

FIELD CROPS



HAY

All harvested hay totaled 330,000 acres in 2004, up 30,000 acres from 2003. Yield for all hay totaled 4.14 tons an acre for a total production of 1.4 million tons. The average price for all hay was \$120 per ton. Harvested alfalfa acreage totaled 240,000, an increase of 10,000 acres from the previous year. Yield remained unchanged at 4.9 tons an acre for a total production of 1.18 million tons. The price of alfalfa hay averaged \$140 per ton.

SORGHUM

New Mexico's sorghum acreage harvested for grain increased to 92,000 acres compared to 62,000 harvested in 2003. Yields averaged 46 bushels per acre for a total production of 4.2 million bushels compared to the 1.7 million bushels produced a year earlier. The average price dropped to \$1.96 per bushel. Total value of production was \$8.3 million, a large increase from the \$4.2 million in 2003. A state record of 35,000 acres were harvested for silage with an average yield of 17 tons per acre, which produced a record 595,000 tons.

CORN

Corn for grain production increased to 10.4 million bushels in 2004. Yield remained at 180 bushels an acre, but harvested acres increased 10,000 acres to 58,000. The 2004 price per bushel averaged \$2.35 for a total value of production of \$24.5 million. Acres harvested for silage were down in 2004, mostly due to the lack of water which influenced growers to grow more sorghum silage. Silage acreage totaled 66,000 acres compared to 80,000 acres in 2003. Yield improved to 25 tons per acre for a total production of 1.7 million tons.

WHEAT

Winter wheat production in the state for 2004 climbed to 7.8 million bushels. Harvested acreage was 300,000 compared to 140,000 acres in 2003. The average yield was 26 bushels per acre, a decrease of 4 bushels per acre from the previous year. The value of production was \$24.6 million with an average price of \$3.15 per bushel.

PEANUTS

Peanut harvested acreage was unchanged from the previous year at 17,000 acres. Hot temperatures with little precipitation made for great growing conditions to allow a record yield of 3,500 pounds per acre. Production was 59.5 million pounds, 13.6 million pounds above the harvest in 2003. Crop value also increased from \$10.6 million in 2003 to \$14.3 million in 2004 with the average price slightly higher at \$0.19 per pound.

COTTON

Upland cotton producers harvested 64,000 acres in 2004, an increase of 68 percent from the previous year and the highest since 2001. Yields were only slightly lower than the previous year averaging 848 pounds per acre. Total production for the year was estimated at 113,000 bales. Price per pound came in at \$0.55 per pound with total value of production at \$30 million, the highest since 1990. American-Pima harvested acreage was the highest since 1997 with 11,000 acres planted and harvested. Yields for the year averaged 869 pounds per acre with total production at 19,000 bales. The value of production was placed at \$7.3 million with prices averaging \$0.80 per pound.